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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter and consider the remarks and amendments below intended to put this application into form for allowance. Applicants submit herewith:

(a) a Petition For Extension Of Time (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (c) a Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (d) copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure and revised PTO 1449 form filed on June 11, 2003; (e) Exhibit A, a copy of Express Mail Label No. EL 501 761 157 US; and (f) Exhibit B, a copy of the postcard returned to Applicants' attorneys.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.